

Snow Removal

The Highway Department provides the Town with many important services. In the winter and early spring one of the most important ones is snow removal. Snow removal and other Winter Maintenance are under the supervision of the Highway Superintendent.

Snow

The Town's current policy is not to begin plowing until the snow has accumulated at least 2 inches. However, the Highway Superintendent can elect to not remove snow at greater or lesser accumulations based on weather reports.

The Town is divided up into 20 major plow routes with 6 major treatment routes. The realities of personnel and equipment inventories require the Town to prioritize its snow removal procedures. Those priorities are:

- School bus routes are given priority during school days
- Public parking areas at the rear of the Town Offices
- Transfer Station/Recycle Center
- Fire Hydrants

The Town **does not provide** snow removal service to some areas due to budgetary constraints including

- Town roads classified as Class VI roads and beyond the Urban Compact boundary.
- Private roads
- School district sidewalks and parking areas, which are the responsibility of the school district.
- Due to limited manpower and equipment a limited number of sidewalks are plowed. The goal of the department is to plow all sidewalks used by children that walk to school while school in session.

Salt

As temperatures drop, salt can lose nearly all of its effectiveness. Be careful when driving in temperatures below 25 degrees. Freezing Rain can also limit the effectiveness of road salt because it will be washed off the road. This washing effect is also why some areas of town are designated low salt use to protect the Town's water supply.

Salt and sand for citizens of the Town is available at the DPW Complex, 13 Newfields Rd. Residents are welcome to 1 large coffee can of salt and a 5 gallon pail of sand at a time.

Sidewalks

Sidewalk snow clearance will not begin until all other snow removal operations are manned and in progress. If there are insufficient personnel available to conduct sidewalk snow removal operations, as well as street and road clearance, the streets and roads shall take priority.

Sidewalks outside the Town Center shall be cleared as soon as possible during and after the storm.

Sidewalks leading to the schools and town center are a priority, similar to the roads being school priority routes.

The sidewalks will be treated with sand as quickly as possible after the storm.

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The Arterial sidewalks listed below are to be cleared of snow and sanded as described above.

Water Street	Drinkwater Road	Chestnut St	Main Street	String Bridge
Brentwood Rd	Pleasant Street	Swasey Parkway	Tan Lane	Front Street
Linden Street	Spring St	Portsmouth Avenue	Gill Street	Center Street
Court Street	High Street	Pine Street	Winter Street	Lincoln St

These secondary sidewalks will be plowed and sanded only after roads and arterial sidewalks are cleared:

Franklin St	South St	Elm St	Elliot St
Gary Ln	Union St	School St	Washington St
Holland Way	Park St	Clifford St	Bow St
Grove St	Jady Hill Ave	Chestnut St	Summer St

Supporting Documents



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[Road Salt](#)



[Snow Plowing Safety Tips](#)

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